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REMARKS

Claims 2-7, 11-15 and 17-18 are currently pending in this application. Claims 1, 8-10 and 16 have been cancelled, without prejudice.

Applicants appreciate the indication by the examiner that claims 3-5, 13-15 and 17 contain allowable subject matter. Applicants have amended the claims accordingly to place all the now pending claims in condition for allowance.

Applicants believe that the foregoing is a full and complete response to the Office Action of record. Accordingly, an early and favorable reconsideration of claims 2-7, 11-15 and 17-18 is respectfully requested.

If Examiner feels that a telephonic interview would be helpful, the examiner is respectfully requested to call the undersigned at (203) 575-2629 prior to the issuance of the next office action.

Respectfully submitted,

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